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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ROK FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SECRETARY MET WITH ROK FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN FOR  
HALF HOUR IN DEPARTMENT MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27.

2. PAK EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF  
THE NORTH KOREAN UNGA RESOLUTION, NOTING THAT PYONGYANG  
HAD EVIDENTLY DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD DO WORSE IN THE  
VOTE COUNT THAN LAST YEAR. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT  
THE RESERVATIONS ENTERED ON THEIR RESOLUTION AT THE  
COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND THE ADVERSE REACTION TO  
THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT WERE ALSO FACTORS IN THEIR  
DECISION.

3. PAK URGED THAT THE US, KOREA AND THEIR ALLIES IN THE  
UN NOW DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE  
UN CONFRONTATION NEXT YEAR. PAK ALSO ASKED FOR US  
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ASSISTANCE IN EXPANDING THE ROK'S NETWORK OF DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS, NAMING PAKISTAN, EGYPT AND TANZANIA AS COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE US COULD HELP THE ROK ESTABLISH SUCH TIES. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WHILE PAKISTAN WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CONSIDER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE

SOUTH, HE WOULD SUGGEST SUCH TIES IN HIS TALKS WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND TANZANIANS.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT, PAK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT AND IMPRESSIVE US RESPONSE TO THE NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATION. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONCERN AFTER THE FALL OF VIETNAM AS TO WHETHER THE US WOULD HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO KOREA; THE AUGUST 18TH INCIDENT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE STRENGTH OF THAT COMMITMENT. PAK SAID THE KOREAN PUBLIC AND OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE VERY PLEASED BY DETERMINATION OF THE U.S. TO DEAL WITH NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS.

5. BILATERALLY, SECRETARY AND PAK AGREED THAT OUR RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND THAT WE FACED NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, PAK ALLUDED TO THE SECRETARY'S NOTE ON HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIRED BY THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE HAD LEGAL AND PRACTICAL NEEDS TO TAKE THIS ISSUE INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD CLEARLY CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF THIS ISSUE IMPOSED STRAINS ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS. PAK NOTED THAT HE CONTINUALLY BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT PARK.

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